

WHEREAS, Agriculture as an industry in the State of South Dakota surpasses all others in importance, none other even comes close. The farmers of our great State are able to produce tremendous volumes of food for the people of this land and many foreign countries because of a tremendous dedication to their work and the aid of modern technology; and,

WHEREAS, It is this technology that brings with it hazards. Each year many thousands of farm and ranch residents are killed or seriously injured in work, home recreation and highway mishaps. For the most part, these accidents could be prevented if basic safety precautions were observed; and,

WHEREAS, Our fervent hope is to put to work the great energies and talents of South Dakota people to reduce the waste of human resources, the toll of human suffering and the economic loss resulting from accidents. A technology that is so highly productive can and will be made safe:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week beginning July 21, 1974 as

FARM SAFETY WEEK

and ask all citizens to promote safe practice at work, during leisure hours and in their home. Whether farmer with machinery or housewife traveling on public highway I urge extreme caution.

May I call upon you as an individual and as a leader or member of one of our many organizations to bend efforts to make farming as safe as it is productive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 26th day of July, in the
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Seventy-Four

Richard F. Kneip
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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